



**Date:** 12 August 2025  
**Time:** 6pm  
**Venue:** Ace Winches, Victoria Park  
**Attendees:** Ann Mitchell (AM), Alison Durno (AD), Christine Allan (CA), Secretary - Daska Murray (DM), Chair - Peter West (PW), Richard Simpson (RS), Treasurer-Ross Ingram (RI), Sharon Innes (SI), Cllr. Sonya Warren (SW)  
**Apologies:** None

### Minutes of Meeting

| Agenda Item                               | Discussed   | Follow up / Action by |
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| <b>Welcome, record apologies received</b> | PW opened the meeting.  |                       |
| <b>Statement from the Chair</b>           | <p>PW indicated his intention to step down as Chair and expressed a desire to clarify arrangements for outstanding matters prior to formally resigning.</p> <p>A resignation email will be submitted to Debra Duke (Community Council Liaison Officer), Moray Council's Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive (Denise Whitworth). The email will outline the following concerns contributing to the decision:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lack of commitment from Community Council members.</li> <li>2. Limited interest or support from Moray Council.</li> <li>3. Lack of interest from elected members.</li> <li>4. Lack of interest or respect from other local organisations and groups.</li> </ol> <p>The group discussed the possibility of appointing a new Chair, however, no attendees expressed willingness to take on the role. SW proposed inviting Debra Duke to attend the next meeting to support further discussion.</p> <p>PW shared examples of internal and external challenges, some of which will be detailed in the resignation correspondence.</p> <p>The recent resignations of Holly and Meghan were also noted and briefly discussed.</p> <p>PW raised concerns about the lack of training, particularly for members joining mid-term. Some members felt unaware of available training resources. PW emphasised the need for proactive training provision beyond the post-election period, and whilst SW acknowledged the difficulty of members joining later in the term not receiving personal training, she suggested there were various online resources available. PW responded by pointing out that not everyone was informed or</p> |                       |

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|   | <p>aware of online training on joining and that not everyone is suited to online training, and for various reasons this method is inadequate.</p> <p>SW left the meeting due to another commitment.</p> <p>PW asked the meeting to review the list of interim arrangements and respond within the week. PW left the meeting advising that his resignation would be submitted in the next few days.</p>   |   |
| <p><b>Queries and actions regarding content of e-mail from Chair dated 16th July 2025</b></p> | <p>It was agreed that DM will respond to PW on behalf of the group, outlining the following interim arrangements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Treasurer</b> - PW had suggested RI for the role. However, RI expressed uncertainty. AD joined the meeting and offered to take on the Treasurer position and become a co-signatory on the account alongside DM.</li> <li>• <b>Facebook</b> – AD and DM can oversee the page. DM will remove PW from the account following receipt of the formal resignation email.</li> <li>• <b>Website/Email</b> – DM will continue to maintain the website but will need support with technical aspects such as hosting and domain management. DM will request a meeting with PW alongside SI to discuss. SI will take responsibility for the email account and this can be discussed at the same meeting</li> <li>• <b>Noticeboard</b> – CA will take responsibility for the one in the Square and SI will continue with the one in Buckpool Harbour.</li> <li>• <b>Subgroups:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bairns Bank – DM will represent CC.</li> <li>○ Linzee Gordon – DM will represent CC.</li> <li>○ Resilience –RS indicated he may take on resilience and the plan could be considered at a separate meeting of the subgroup. Two suggestions were made for temporary storage of the items held by PW and CA will contact them to ask for assistance.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>ICO</b> – Debra Duke was proposed as an interim point of contact until further discussion takes place.</li> </ul> <p>Remaining items will be considered at a future meeting.</p> <p>The group acknowledged the risk that no one may step forward for Chair role. It was decided to email Debra Duke to request a meeting seeking support and to discuss the best way forward. DM will draft an email on behalf of the group and circulate it for comment before sending.</p> <p>Finally, it was agreed that members should take time to reflect individually to help shape future direction and priorities.</p> | <p>DM</p> <p>DM/SI</p> <p>CA</p> <p>DM/ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> |
| <p><b>Date/venue of next meeting</b></p>  | <p>The next meeting is scheduled for 9 September 2025 at 6pm in the Community Lounge at Buckie Community High School.</p>  |   |

Community Council meeting closed at 21:00 hrs.